

(probably) "Fort Cobb to Fort Arbuckle," *Palmer*, ann. 1868 (NB, US). CHOCTAW: (probably) "Fort Towson, Ark.," *Dr. Edwards* (G). COMANCHE: Cache, *Stevens 1316* (G, M); Fort Sill, *Mrs. Clemens 11803* (Mo, R). LEFLORE: Page, *Blakley 1409* (G, M, Mo, US). PITTSBURG: McAlester, *Pennell 10601* (UP). ARKANSAS: BENTON: *Plank*, ann. 1899 (CM, NB). MILLER: Texarkana, *Eggert*, Jun. 1898 (Mo). NEVADA: Prescott, *Hollister 20* (US). OUACHITA: Camden, *Fendler*, Jun. 1850 (G). POPE: Russellville, *Pennell 10623* (UP). PRAIRIE: Hazen, *Palmer 25054* (Mo). PULASKI: Little Rock, *Engelmann 493* (Mo). SEBASTIAN: Fort Smith, *Bigelow*, ann. 1853-4 (US). WASHINGTON: Fayetteville, *Palmer 8186* (Mo, NB). KANSAS: CHEROKEE: Melrose, *Rydberg and Imler 242* (NB). MIAMI: Paola, *Oyster*, Jy. 1883 (US); this specimen is on a mixed sheet: the locality may be doubtful. MISSOURI: JASPER: Asbury, *Palmer 34664* (ANS); this specimen is hardly typical; the characters are close to those of *L. spicata*. ILLINOIS: HANCOCK: Augusta, *S. B. Mead*, Jun. 1859 (Short herb., ANS); this is a mixed sheet; two plants are surely *L. appendiculata*, while the third is close to *L. spicata* var. *hirtella*.

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DATES OF PUBLICATION OF RYDBERG'S FLORA OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND ADJACENT PLAINS

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IN a recent reorganization of the letter-file at the Gray Herbarium many letters and memoranda of great historic and bibliographic importance have come to light. Some of these concern the dates of issue of Rydberg's Flora. The 1st edition bears on the title-page the date 1917 and the Preface bears the date November, 1917. A copy, subscribed for in advance, was received at the Gray Herbarium on March 5, 1918. Consequently, the communications from Rydberg to the late Mary A. Day regarding the date of issue are significant. Miss Day, editing the Gray Herbarium Card Index, had perpetual difficulty in establishing exact dates of publication. Rydberg's two communications are sufficient indication of this. The first, a card postmarked February 22, 1918 at 7 p. m., follows:

Dear Miss Day:

I have received your two letters and have entered the subscription for the Flora. I have received only 23 copies which were brought here by the manager of the printing house as baggage. I received a notice a month ago that the other books were shipped but received a notice a few days later that there was an embargo on local freight except food. God knows when they will come. I shall send you a copy as soon as I can.

Yours very truly,
P. A. RYDBERG.

This was followed by a longer letter:

New York, March 7, 1918.

My Dear Miss Day:

I have received your letter asking for the exact date of publication of my *Flora of the Rocky Mountains*. The date that I claim as the date of publication is December 31, 1917. I was promised by the bindery to get some bound copies with me to the meeting of the A. A. A. S. at Pittsburg. I called at the bindery in Philadelphia on the morning of December 27th. Some copies were practically bound except that the covers had not been attached. They promised to make them ready the same day. I brought a copy in paper cover to the Pittsburgh meeting, and got orders for about 20 copies.

Dr. Britton received a bound copy on December 31, and I know at least one other person that received a copy on the same day. As I was away a week the rest were not delivered until the first part of January. Then the government put an embargo on local freight, and the bindery could not send the rest of the books. I ordered them to send 50 or 100 copies by express but they did not do so. Then the books were shipped to Philadelphia on February 1, but I did not get them to my place in New York before a month later. The 23 copies that were delivered in December and the early part of January were brought to New York as baggage by the manager of the printing concern.

As some of the books at least were bound on December 31, and at least 2 copies were received by the customers on that date, I think that I have the right to claim that date as the date of publication. Several more had already been sold although it had been impossible to deliver them on that date. . . .

Sincerely yours,
P. A. RYDBERG.

Article 36 of the International Rules reads:

Art. 36. Publication is effected, under these Rules, by sale to the general public or to botanical institutions, of printed matter or indelible autographs, or by distribution of these to specified representative botanical institutions.

No other kind of publication is accepted as effective: communication of new names at a public meeting, or the placing of names in collections or gardens open to the public, does not constitute effective publication.

Miss Day, anxious to please, entered 1917 on the cards, but the requirements of the International Rules regarding effective publication were not actually met until early in 1918. When rival names published late in 1917 appear the date of *effective* publication of the first edition of Rydberg's *Flora* will become highly important.

Now as to the 2d edition. The date on the title page is 1922, but copies were not available until 1923. The following letter makes this clear.

New York, February 21, 1923

Dear Miss Day:

A few days ago I sent a copy of the second edition of my "*Flora*" to you, and enclose herewith the bill for the same. As to the date of publica-

tion of the book, I am rather in doubt. The book was ready for delivery in the beginning of December, but I received a notice from the binder that they had sent the books to the station in Lancaster on December 6th. A week or so afterwards I received a notice that the Pennsylvania Railroad had put an embargo on freight and that printers had removed the boxes to the Lehigh Valley Railroad. At the time I already had orders for several copies, that, of course, could not be delivered. At the Association meeting in Cambridge in December, I met Mr. Urban and he stated that the Lehigh Valley Railroad had accepted the freight but had held up the shipment just as the Pennsylvania Railroad. I received another letter dated January 3d, enclosing the shipping bill, but did not receive the books before the 21st of January, when the first customer received a copy. Now, the question is, what is the date of publication? The books were ready for shipment in December, but on account of the embargo on freight in order to favor coal shipping, I was incapable of delivering any books until late in January. The book bears on the title-page 1922, and if the date of actual publication is set to the 21st of January, the title page is a liar! You can do just as you please.

Very truly yours,
P. A. RYDBERG.

Without repeating Rydberg's pointed commendation of the title-page of his 2d edition to the Ananias Club, it is clear that one can not do just as he pleases. The specific statement that he "did not receive the books before the 21st of January [1923], when the first customer received a copy" sufficiently answers Rydberg's not very logical question as to "what is the date of publication?". Certainly any author of a competing name effectively published prior to January 21, 1923, has the right-of-way. Rydberg was truly unfortunate in encountering, first, war-conditions and, second, a coal strike. Should competition of names arise, it will be important to have the above letters from him on record.

EUPHORBIA PILULIFERA IN MICHIGAN

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TONS of this plant are annually imported from India for the purpose of manufacturing it into medicine. I have found a plant on waste grounds at Detroit that is this species. Undoubtedly seed has fallen from the bales as they were unloaded from the cars or while on their way to the factory. The plant imported is pubescent with conspicuous yellow hair. In the Detroit plant, the bright yellow of the pubescence is in the main conspicuous by its absence. It was first observed and collected at Detroit, September 5, 1930, no. 8756. It